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VIENNA FOR USIAEA
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1. DETAILED SUGGESTIONS FOR ENTRY INTO ZANGGER COMMITTEE, PROVIDED
TO EMBASSY BY USIAEA (REF A, REF C), WERE USED IN DISCUSSIONS
LAST YEAR WITH STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY PRESIDENT, PROFESSOR
URSU, AND OTHERS. THE INFORMATION SEEMED WELL RECEIVED AT THAT TIME.
GOR WAS ALSO ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT EMBASSY FOR CLARIFICATION OF ANY
DETAILS BUT DID NOT AVAIL ITSELF OF INVITATION.

2. PERPLEXITY OF GOR OFFICIALS REPORTED REF B PARA 2 HAS ITS
BASIS IN THEIR ENDEMIC FAILURE TO GATHER INFORMATION CAREFULLY,
INTERPRET IT ACCURATELY, AND SHARE IT ADEQUATELY AT OPERATIONAL
LEVELS OF THE BUREAUCRACY. FOR EXAMPLE, AMONG URSU'S (AND OTHERS)
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REACTIONS ABOUT TWO MONTHS AFTER OUR INITIAL DISCUSSION,
WAS ASSERTION THAT IT WAS PARADOXICAL TO NEGOTIATE
ENTRANCE INTO NPT EXPORTERS COMMITTEE ON BASIS OF
"EXPURGATED MEMORANDUM" WITHOUT INITIAL ACCESS TO
UNEXPURGATED VERSION. HIS REACTION TO CLOSED MEETINGS
OF LONDON SUPPLIERS GROUP WAS PROPORTIONALLY STRONGER,
REFLECTING, WE ARE CERTAIN, THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU,

AND URSU'S OWN VISIBLE PERSONAL FRUSTRATION IN CONTRONTING THE COMPLEXITIES OF ROMANIA'S NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH CANADA AND THE U.S. NEVERTHELESS, URSU APPARENTLY HAD MADE ONLY CASUAL EFFORT TO CONTACT ZANGGER COMMITTEE DESPITE KNOWLEDGE OF PROCEDURES THOROUGHLY OUTLINED BY USIAEA, AND SO WAS STEWING IN HIS OWN PRECONCEPTIONS, PROBABLY WITHOUT BENEFIT OF ANY LOWER STAFF WORK.

3. FYI: WE ARE HOPEFUL AMBASSADOR GROZA'S APPOINTMENT TO AUSTRIA AND GOR'S HEIGHTENED INVOLVEMENT IN IAEA WILL SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE FLOW OF CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT. AS OPERATING PRINCIPLE BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE IN BUCHAREST, HOWEVER, WE ARE COMPELLED TO REMIND OURSELVES DAILY THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE VALUE OF GOOD INFORMATION THAT COUNTS, BUT WHO IS RECEIVING IT. WHAT MAY BE APPARENT TO GROZA IN VIENNA STILL RISKS MIS-INTERPRETATION BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL, LOCAL, AND OFTEN ISOLATED CONTEXT IN WHICH MESSAGES ARE OFTEN INTERPRETED IN BUCHAREST. FOR THIS REASON WE WELCOME AS MANY CHANNELS AS POSSIBLE TO GOR LEADERSHIP, AND ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR FREQUENT REPETITION OF INFORMATION ON SENSITIVE QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR POLICY.

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